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'CAPITOL CONNECTION" JUNE 20-WHERE MBE/WBE VENDORS AND CUSTOMERS NETWORK Contact: Monica Billinger OA/Office of Equal Opportunity 573-751-8130

Jefferson City-Minority and woman owned businesses from around the state and their prospective customers will meet at the "Capitol Connection 2002: Dawn of Opportunities." This one-day forum will be Thursday, June 20, at the Jefferson City Ramada Inn, 1510 Jefferson Street. Registration deadline is Friday, June 14.

"Capitol Connection" is the annual outreach endeavor sponsored by the State of Missouri's Supplier Diversity Program within the Office of Administration's Office of Equal Opportunity.

This year "Capitol Connection" is placing a strong emphasis toward fostering a positive business relationship between MBEs/WBEs and state agencies through an extensive interactive session called "Contracts through Contacts."

Participants can register online at: www.oa.state.mo.us/oeo/connection/CC2002.html or toll-free at 877-259-2963. Registration is free! The deadline is Friday, June 14.